Remarks

The Applicant respectfully requests that the specification of the above-identified application be amended as set forth above, to confirm and enable readers to immediately see the Applicant's claim of benefit from and reference to an earlier-filed provisional application.

Predecessor counsel, who initially filed this application, and who is unavailable to the undersigned due to incapacitation and did not transfer his files and notes to the undersigned, made the noted claim and reference of priority in the Application Transmittal that he originally filed with this application (copy attached hereto), and this information is noted in PAIR.

As stated in M.P.E.P. 714.16, where amendments of the type noted are shown to be needed for proper disclosure or protection of the invention, and to require no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Office, they may be considered and, if proper, entry may be recommended by the primary examiner.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if any questions remain. A courtesy copy of this Amendment is being faxed to the Examiner for his convenience of reference.

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